

SENATE RESOLUTION 90

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Betty Jackson for meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as excellent public servants and who give freely of their time and resources for the betterment of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Betty Jackson is one such estimable person who was recently featured in the *Senior Lifestyles 2007* section of the *Morgan County News* for her many years of teaching and for her continued active and outstanding service to her community; and

WHEREAS, one of five children born to parents, Reese and Grace Cross Wilson, Ms. Jackson graduated from Coalfield School and has spent the majority of her life in that community; and

WHEREAS, Betty Jackson retired from teaching in 1996, after having taught mostly third, fourth, and fifth grades at her alma mater, Coalfield School, for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson was an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to the positive impact and influence she has had on her students, Ms. Jackson was invited one year to speak by a graduating class at their baccalaureate service, students that she had taught eight years earlier when they were in the fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated volunteer for her church, Betty Jackson currently teaches Sunday School, works with the children's church, and participates in the WMU meals on wheels program; and

WHEREAS, she also lends her valuable time and energies to the Methodist Medical Center where she volunteers in the Read to Me program; which provides materials to new mothers along with a book for them to keep that stresses the importance of reading to children; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Ms. Jackson is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for teachers, and serves as president of the Morgan County Retired Teachers' Association; and

WHEREAS, professional accomplishments aside, Betty Jackson is most grateful for the loving companionship of her children, Lewis Carson, Brian "Jake" Jackson, and Lynette Jackson, her five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Betty Jackson for her dedication to the betterment of the Coalfield community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Betty Jackson for her exemplary acts of volunteerism in her community and her many years of meritorious service as a beloved teacher, as we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.